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SUBJECT: PROLIFERATION SECURITY INITIATIVE: JORDAN REQUESTS
TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE

1. (SBU) A DoD delegation led by Dr. David Cooper, OSD Director for Nonproliferation Policy, provided GOJ officials two informational briefings on operational aspects of the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) in Amman December 14.

The focus was on how Jordan could organize at the national level, cooperate bilaterally with the United States and other PSI countries, and participate in multinational PSI operational activities, now that the GOJ has formally endorsed the PSI Statement of Interdiction Principles (SOP). Jordan's broad, high-level representation was focused on practical implementation issues, expressed a willingness for operational involvement, and on the need to expand PSI support in the region. Both informational briefings were marked by Jordanian requests for training and assistance. Military representatives asked if computer support, and/or communications equipment were available, while Jordanian customs representatives asked for x-ray machines needed at Jordanian points of entry. Both groups acknowledged that Jordan had little technical expertise in dual-use technologies and requested training aimed at helping them identify and account for dual-use technology transfers transiting Jordanian territory.

2. (SBU) Names of the Jordanian representatives who attended the December 14 PSI briefings follow:

Abd al Latef al Bowab - Ambassador, International Organizations and Relations Department, Foreign Ministry
Bisher al Khasawneh - Executive Director, Legal Department, Foreign Ministry
Akram Harahsheh - Diplomatic Attache, Legal Department, Foreign Ministry
Nisreen Goussuos - International Organizations and Relations Department, Foreign Ministry
Selma al Taweel - International Organizations and Relations Department, Foreign Ministry
Major General Ali al Khalidi - Assistant to the Director of the Public Security Directorate
Awwad al Ma'aytah - Director of Aqabah Port Authority
Ala'a al Batayneh - Director of the Customs Department
Dr. M'amoun Makahleh - Nuclear Energy Commission
Captain Suleiman Obeidat - Director of Civil Aviation
Mohammed Marabha - Director of Security, Civil Aviation
Wafiq Abdeen - Director of Administration, Ministry of Industry and Trade
Major General Ahmed al Soufi - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Brigadier General Reda Btoush - Director Military Intelligence
Brigadier General Suleiman Munaizal - Royal Jordanian Air Force, Assistant Chief of Staff for Air Defense and Operations

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